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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family welfare
(Department of Health Research)

2nd Floor, IRCS Building
Red Cross Road, New Delhi
Dated the 03 March, 2024

ORDER

Sub: Dissolving the National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy -reg

In supersession of this Department's order No. Q-11011/15/2020-HR(ICMR)/eoffice -8076452 dated 25th September 2020 on reconstitution of National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy, it has been decided by the competent authority to dissolve the National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy (NAC-SCRT).

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that:

- (i) The National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy (NAC-SCRT) has been dissolved and the requirement of registration of IC- SCR with NAC-SCRT is no longer required.
- (ii) Stem cell research involving human participants, their biological material and data will be reviewed by Ethics committees (EC) with minimum two stem cell experts in the Ethics committee.
- (iii) The stem cell experts who attend the meeting may be free from conflict of interest. They need not be permanent members of IEC but may be co-opted whenever there are stem cell related proposals. These stem cell experts should be considered as part of quorum for the meeting and at least one expert should be external.
- (iv) EC will continue to be registered mandatorily with DHR.
- (v) EC must also be registered with CDSCO if its clinical Trial.
- (vi) No regulatory role is anticipated to be carried out by DHR related to stem cell research.
- (vii) Other stem cell related studies including basic/non clinical /animal related studies may be reviewed at institutional level.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(H C Mondal)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

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